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For: COOLING TOWER TOP METHOD AND APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, having a one-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 8, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 14-27 are pending in this application.

OFFICE ACTION

- (1) The Office Action has required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:
 - I. Claim 14, drawn to a combination, classified in class 261, subclass 110;
 - II. Claim 15-17, drawn to an assembly process, classified in class 29, subclass 428;